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## DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE TURNS VIOLENT

## Bat used in assault against roommate

(Edmonds - WA)

A twenty-one year old male was booked into the Snohomish County Jail late Wednesday night for 1<sup>st</sup> degree Assault after an argument between roommates turned violent. Meanwhile, a forty-eight year old male was transported to Harborview Medical center where he was evaluated and treated for injuries to his head. The victim as able to speak with detectives and was ultimately discharged around midnight.

Officers and Medics initially responded to a residence in the 21200 block of 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue West around 4:40pm after a 911 call from a female at the residence. The caller had stated that someone had been struck with a baseball bat. Officers arrived and did locate a subject with head injuries. He was transported to Harborview while officers remained at the scene and interviewed a male and female. Detectives responded shortly after the incident unfolded and worked into the night securing a search warrant for the residence. Evidence was recovered from the home and the investigation led to the arrest and booking of the twenty-one year old suspect. A bat was recovered from the scene.

The investigation revealed that the suspect and the victim were roommates making this a domestic violence incident as well. RCW 26.50.010 (6) provides the definition of "Family or Household members" that investigators used in this case.

Victims or involved parties in felony domestic violence situations are contacted and offered resources from DV Services of Snohomish County. The Edmonds Police Department also has a Domestic Violence Coordinator who assists those involved in misdemeanor cases.

The investigation is ongoing. No further information available.